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## BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: METHODS FOR SECURING STRANDS OF  
WOVEN MEDICAL DEVICES AND DEVICES FORMED THEREBY -  
Jeffery J. Sheldon*

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 16-page patent specification including 25 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-14 on 4 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Jeffery J. Sheldon for the captioned invention.

☒ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor Declaration and Assignment, a Power of Attorney, Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicant's representative.

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